

CITY POLITICS.

TO THE OLD GUARD AMERICANS.

A crisis in our city's history is at hand. Let sensible men reflect. Three candidates are before you. One of them may be your next Mayor. Two are nominees of the Democratic party; the third is opposed to its corruptions and misrule. The contest is between Fernando Wood and George Opdyke, in reality; but to those who cannot thus look upon it, I have a word to say.

II. Could Mr. Havemeyer, by any possibility, be elected, what guarantee have we of reform? Will he not be the Mayor of a Democratic constituency, as his predecessors, including Daniel F. Tammann, have been, and as he himself formerly was?

Will he remove from office a single one of the present holders of departments who support him? Will a single individual of the corrupt subordinates who now crowd our City Hall be deprived of his mischievous power?

III. Observe that the leaders of Tammany Hall at first assailed the Fifth Avenue Hotel Committee as a "sticking Verneyan clique," yet after ward united with that committee upon the selection of Mr. Havemeyer, after Kennedy, Fowler, and Moses Taylor had successfully declined the nomination. What is the meaning of this? Why is Mr. Havemeyer the accredited representative of the Purse, the Clergy, the Rynders, the Purdys, and the Fowlers, save for one object alone—the fight of Tammany for a reelection of its delegates in the Charleston Convention? Are the honest opponents of municipal corruption prepared to be dragged into the support of a Democratic faction?

IV. Observe, on the one hand, that such well-known contractors and political jobbers as *Older Charlick*, are sustaining Tammany in this fight, while, on the other hand, *Charlick's* partner in the same contract system, *Mr. George Law*, is supporting Fernando Wood.

Does this look like a purification of the Democratic party? Is it not rather the grasp of corrupt men on both horns of the Democratic altar, in order to retain their wicked control, which the election of an honest Opposition Mayor would destroy at once?

Republican citizens! ask yourselves if the times do not demand a radical change in the influences that beset our city authorities, and the men who fill our municipal places?

V. Fellow-Citizens! Look at your offices of trust and profit, and mark the political connections which make one a cog-wheel of another, in the machinery of our city, and the robbery of every man of us, through a monstrous taxation and contract robbery!

Ask yourselves what class of persons occupy our municipal bureaus, make our public contracts, enact laws, and rule the city? Go back to their antecedents! follow them in their daily habits! and you will find a majority beneath your contempt, and yet above your reach, because shielded by the compact discipline of a corrupt party, whose bond of cohesion is declared by their motto—"To the victors belong the spoils!"

VI. Good citizens! be not blinded! A radical change is demanded throughout our city government. Speak your honest convictions, and you will cry aloud for *Root and Branch Reform*! That Reform you can expect only from an overturning of present machinery by the election of the Opposition candidate, *GEORGE OPDYKE*!

Never was there such an opportunity as you have now to triumph over a distracted Democracy! The strong hand of united opposition can drag the monster of misrule from the high places of our city. The Democratic serpent, divided in twain, writhes at your feet! Tread upon it.

VII. Free Opposition men of New-York! Beware how you stretch out a hand to save the drowning fortunes of a corrupt Democracy. Beware how you give its despairing leaders a new lease of office! Beware how you allow your city offices to be again used to bolster up a tottering Administration! Beware how you permit the vote of New-York City to be used as a lever in the next Presidential election, for the benefit of a party that hates us all!

VIII. Americans! stand by the nominee of your regular Convention! Let us have a change in our city affairs and place at their head a new, fresh, honest man, who will expel corrupt men from all the departments under him!

That man you know!—It is *GEORGE OPDYKE*! Your votes can elect him! If you are false to our city, at her vital necessity, you will be responsible for the evil that may ensue—in the increase of taxation, the spread of immorality, and the decline of public confidence in our elective franchise itself!

AN AMERICAN OF 1848, AND STRAIGHTFORTH SINCE.

ADDRESS OF THE AMERICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: The American party was created as a conservative balance of power in elections. It has always aimed to act for the best interests of nation, State, and city.

Its vital principle is opposition to political corruption. Its sole object is good government for the people. On these grounds, it has nominated and supports *GEORGE OPDYKE* for Mayor of New-York.

Mr. J. Depyster Ogden was primarily nominated in the American City Convention by a majority of one vote. This was effected through chicanery and collusion on the part of Mr. Ogden's enemies, and not by the strength of his friends in the Convention. Mr. Ogden was placed in nomination by votes of men already pledged to the support of another candidate. He was nominated that he might be betrayed by pre-pledged supporters, as subsequent events have fully proved.

The Americans who support Mr. Opdyke deny that they were responsible for Mr. Ogden's nomination, or that they were afterward untrue to that gentleman. The President of the Whig Committee, and other declared friends of Mr. Havemeyer, are alone chargeable with the betrayal of their candidate to further Democratic ends.

They sought to make Mr. Ogden, their cat's paw, and the American Convention saved him from their schemes. An agent of Mr. Havemeyer, holding a position in his bank, obtained access to our City Convention, and by the aid of his influence, he secured the nomination of Mr. Opdyke, when upon the next ballot, he received a bare majority.

That agent openly declared his determination to support Mr. Havemeyer at the ballot-box, and boasted to the Convention that *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* would be spent for that gentleman's advancement.

That agent succeeded in dragging only ten of the delegates to cast their votes for Mr. Havemeyer on the first ballot, wherein George Opdyke received nearly a majority of all the votes.

Despairing then, of nominating his principal, this agent of Mr. Havemeyer transferred his ten votes to Mr. Opdyke, when upon the next ballot, he received a bare majority.

This transfer of Havemeyer's votes was made solely to defeat Mr. Opdyke and place the American party in a powerless or negative position. Subsequent operations of these pretended Americans sufficiently establish this fact.

In this manner honest men were beguiled into the nomination of J. Depyster Ogden by votes of persons who had been pledged to Havemeyer, whose interest was to further Democratic schemes against a united opposition.

GEORGE OPDYKE, as the best and strongest candidate before the people.

As a man worthy the suffrages of all honest men. As an opponent of Democratic misrule, whether it threatens us from Tammany Hall, or from Fernando Wood.

As a candidate of the People—pure, fresh, virtuous, and capable. Let every American sustain *GEORGE OPDYKE*, the only American Candidate for Mayor.

Let every American be warned against the attempt of a self-constituted spurious Convention, composed of a few individuals, whose only aim, from first to last, has been to transfer the American party to Tammany Hall.

Recollect, that the *American General Committee* of the City and County of New-York have ratified the action of the Regular American City Convention, which nominated *GEORGE OPDYKE*, *SOLOMON L. HULL*, and *WILLIAM T. PINKNEY*.

GILBERT C. DEAN, Chairman,
GEORGE W. WARREN, Secretary,
S. KIRBY, Chairman,
DANIEL F. TAMMANN, Vice-Chairman,
RUFUS P. ANDREWS, Chairman,
CONNELLY H. WHITTAKER, Secretaries,
GEORGE W. WARREN, Secretary.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education is composed of 44 School Commissioners, 2 from each of the 22 Wards of the city. They are elected for two years, one being chosen from each Ward every year. A considerable majority—six, we believe—of the members holding over belong to the Opposition. Unless, therefore, the Democrats succeed in electing 14 out of the 22 new members, the Republicans will retain their majority, and the by-law of the Board compelling the reading of the Bible in all the schools will not be repealed.

FIRST WARD.—James G. Elliott is the Republican nominee. John H. Williams, an old school officer, and now President of the local Board, is the Tammany candidate. The Directors do not give him the best chance. The contest lies between him and James Cavanagh, the Mozart nominee. Last year the Tammany candidate was defeated in this Ward.

SECOND WARD.—Jared A. Timpon, present Commissioner, is re-nominated by the Republican and a People's Convention. We have not learned the name of the Democratic candidate, but Mr. Timpon will probably be elected.

THIRD WARD.—Samuel N. Lecompte is nominated by the Republicans. Hugh Crozier, present member, is re-nominated by both sections of the Democracy, and his chances are good for reelection, though the Republicans carried the Ward last year, securing the election of Mr. Gould. Mr. Crozier is a wholesale grocer in Fulton street.

FOURTH WARD.—Eugene Shine, Custom-House officer, is the nominee of Mozart Hall. He served in the Board of Education during 1857-8, when he defended, as well as he was able, the action of the Fourth Ward Local Board in extracting \$30,000 from the treasury for three lots, worth about half that sum. An injunction impeded the swindle for a time, but it was finally consummated. Since then it has been discovered that the lots are not so large as they are described in the deeds. We hear of no other candidate. Mr. Shine will perhaps finally represent the ward.

FIFTH WARD.—Here a Citizens' party, which has for several years elected its candidates for School officers, has re-nominated James M. Tuthill, a prominent Republican and present member. This party is composed of the leading men of the ward, both Republicans and Democrats. Last year it nominated and elected a Democrat. As there is little doubt of Mr. Tuthill's election, we need say no good word for him. He is the gentleman who just failed of being the Republican nominee for Governor of the Albany-House. John Y. Savage, a Fulton-street watchmaker, and a new man, so far as the public schools are concerned, is the Tammany nominee, and Jeremiah Casey has the Mozart nomination.

SIXTH WARD.—Timothy Brennan, an old school officer, is the nominee of Tammany. He is a cooper, and the brother of Owen W. Brennan. He will probably be elected, and is a remarkably good man—for the Sixth Ward. Thomas Stephens, present Alderman, is the Mozart candidate.

SEVENTH WARD.—Daniel Cogger, present member, ship-joiner, is the Republican and People's nominee. He is a sturdy advocate of economy. Thomas Woodward, fish-dealer, has been nominated by Tammany; he can only be elected if he gets the Mozart vote also.

EIGHTH WARD.—Henry Morgan is the Republican nominee. John R. Lydecker, member of the Board in 1856-7, Custom-House Clerk, is supported by the United Democracy, with a prospect of success.

NINTH WARD.—Charles E. Gilderleeve, stationer, present member and chairman of the Evening School Committee, is the Republican nominee. He will probably receive two-thirds of all votes cast in the Ward. Wm. J. Van Arsdale, not in the Directory, is the Democratic nominee.

TENTH WARD.—Benj. F. Shafer, Murray street, merchant, has received the Republican nomination. He is a new man to the Public Schools. Daniel Sioe, present member, is supported by the Democracy. Mr. Sioe is a stationer, and has long been an influential member of the Supply Committee. His opponents say that he is responsible for the fact that 30 per cent more supplies are furnished to the Ward officers of this Ward than to those of any other Ward, and that they are 186 per cent more than the average of supplies used by the Ward officers of all the Wards. The increase in supplies used by all the schools of the city was 80 per cent from 1855 to 1858, while the increase in scholars was but 13 per cent. Mr. Sioe is also a member of the Evening School Committee. The supplies furnished to the evening schools increased 170 per cent from 1856 to 1858, while the pupils increased but 33 per cent. His opponents contend that this may be explained by the fact that in 1858—the last year of the comparison—George White, Daniel Sioe, and Terence Farley were all on the Evening School Committee, and also on the Supply Committee, of which they constituted a majority. The Evening School Committee is elected by the Board, but the President of the Board is responsible for the selection of the Supply Committee. A bill of \$300 for carriage hire last Winter, brought in by the Evening School Committee, seemed so large to the President, Mr. Richard Warren, that he objected to signing it; it was, however, passed in his absence. The schools were open but forty-five evenings. But Mr. Sioe has a great many friends, among them the Young America of the Ward, and will not easily be beaten. The Republicans carried the Ward last year.

ELEVENTH WARD.—Benj. T. Rhodes, present Commissioner and foreman in the Morgan Iron Works, has the Democratic nomination. D. D. Wright, hardware merchant, is nominated by the People, and may defeat him. The Tammany candidate was beaten here last year.

TWELFTH WARD.—Dr. H. H. Gregory, for several years a trustee in this ward, and a man of character, is the Republican candidate. Jas. McKean, Secretary of the Presbyterian Missionary Society, has the Tammany nomination; he will not be elected if Dr. A. V. Williams, present member and a prominent supporter of Fernando Wood, consents to receive the Mozart nomination. In that case the Twelfth Ward will have a Republican representative.

THIRTEENTH WARD.—David H. Gilderleeve, druggist, the Republican nominee, may easily be elected. The Tammany men are running Garrett M. Loeve, field-writer, an old trustee, and Mozart brings into the ward Louis W. Whittington, carman, an old school officer.

FOURTEENTH WARD.—Henry P. Aest, Tammany, soldier, has been in the Local Board 11 years and served in the Board of Education 4 years. Andrew L. Byrne, present member, dry goods, has the support of the Mozart Democracy. The chances appear to be in his favor. Wm. S. Wilhelm, blind-maker, has a People's nomination.

FIFTEENTH WARD.—We hear of no opposition to Richard Warren, present member and now President of the Board. He is a staunch Republican.

SIXTEENTH WARD.—Robert A. Adams, lawyer, has the Republican nomination. Mr. Adams has done the Board good service in exposing the late printing contract, which he did so thoroughly that it was abandoned, with the consent of the contractors. He was also a member of the State Commission to examine into our school system, which labored two years and brought forth nothing practicable. He can be elected without much exertion. Dr. Dewitt C. Peters, late a Surgeon in the Navy, is the Democratic nominee.

SEVENTEENTH WARD.—Jas. T. Ashing, Jr., of Adams' Express, is the Republican nominee, and has been endorsed by a large number of citizens of all parties. He is now a member, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, where he has saved the city many thousands of dollars this year. We hope he may serve in the same position next year. The Democrats have nominated a liquor-dealer, Joseph McGuire, a new man in school matters. Hard work will elect Mr. Ashing, and his election will pay for a great deal of hard work.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.—Henry A. Harbut, of the firm of Swift & Harbut, has the Republican nomination. We have already spoken of him, and he will probably be elected. Wm. E. Curtis, lawyer and present member, is the Democratic nominee. He opposed the famous by-law compelling the reading of the Bible in all the schools, believing that the Board had no right to pass it, and that it would lead to expensive litigation, which would only demonstrate that fact. With, perhaps, this exception, we do not remember a single instance during the last two years in which his vote and influence have not been on the right side. The fact that the Democrats feel compelled to run so good a man shows that they have little confidence in their strength in this Ward.

NINETEENTH WARD.—Addison Brown, lawyer, a new man, has received the Republican and People's nomination. George Weir, ex-Assemblyman, and an old School Commissioner, has the nomination of the United Democracy; the chances are in his favor.

TWENTIETH WARD.—Of Hubert G. Stone, the Republican candidate, we have already spoken. He can be elected if too many taxpayers' votes are not wanted on John Hooper, People's nominee. Mr. Stone has been a school officer. Edwin Dobbs, Tammany, is an old school officer. Andrew McGlynn is the Mozart candidate.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD.—Lewis S. Thomas, lawyer, is the Republican and People's candidate. A. V. Stout, City Chamberlain, is said to be the nominee of the Democracy. If he consents to run, all the energies of the Republicans can hardly save Mr. Thomas.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD.—Alexander Perry is the Republican nominee, and John O'Keefe, stage-proprietor, and present member, the nominee of the Democracy.

Of the Commissioners whose terms expire, nine are not in the field for reelection. We name them by Wards:

I. John O'Grady of the Stevens House. He has been a very good officer, much better than the First Ward usually sends.

IV. Thomas Fitzgerald makes way for his colleague of 1858, Eugene Shine.

VI. Richard Barry, liquor dealer, who was sentenced about a year ago to three months on Blackwell's Island, for a grave assault in a house of prostitution, leaves the Board, being promoted by his party, Mozart Hall, to the Aldermanic ticket.

VIII. William Bloomfield, lawyer, retires from the board. His loss will be very considerable. The Bible men will probably lose a vote here.

IX. Geo. White, the retiring member, has been the object of much abuse, more, we think, than he deserved. He has been a leading member of the Evening Schools and Supply Committee, and has looked out for his friends, but no credit should ever have been given to the slanders connecting his name with that of a female principal in his Ward.

XIII. Adolphus Brummel, the retiring member, was one of the earliest movers of the by-law in relation to the reading of the Bible. Without his persistent presentation of it, it would never have been passed.

XIX. Hugh McCabe, who makes way for Mr. Weir, has done very little but vote, and there has been a remarkable harmony between his votes and those of George White.

XX. Oliver H. Lee, the retiring member, has been quiet and efficient.

XXI. Dr. Lafayette Ranney has usually been numbered on the side of economy. With the exception of his devotion to the governing clique of the Free Academy, his course in the Board has been for the best interest of the schools.

If the advocates of the by-law in relation to the reading of the Bible would not see Bible men replaced by Anti-Bible men in the Board, they should exert themselves in favor of Mr. Cogger in the Seventh Ward, Mr. Morgan in the Eighth Ward, Mr. Gilderleeve in the Thirteenth, Mr. Adams in the Sixteenth, Mr. Cushing in the Seventeenth, and Mr. Stone in the Twentieth.

EIGHTEENTH WARD SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The Republicans and Americans of the above Ward have made the following nominations for School Officers, and in the name of each there is a guaranty of a vigilant and faithful discharge of every duty. For Commissioner, Henry A. Harbut. For Inspector, James W. Gerard. For Trustees, Joseph F. Joy and William A. Fisk. Mr. Robert Colby having declined the nomination. To this nomination, let every friend of the schools in the Ward, rally as one man, as the defeat of the ticket will place in the Board of Education the present incumbent, Mr. Wm. C. Curtis, the son of John T. Curtis, a notorious gambler, and a Green C. Brown, Mozart, People's, and Whig candidate.

FOR GOVERNOR OF THE ALMS-HOUSE.
Wm. T. Pinkney, Republican, and People's candidate.
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readings, but misrepresent the conduct of delegates who did not agree with the doctrines of *The Express*. Mr. Brown, one of the Directors in Mr. Havemeyer's Bank, who had been in favor of the nomination of Mr. Ogden, was numbered among the holders of the American Convention. The other night the Old Line Whigs had expelled Hiram Ketchum for making a speech in favor of Havemeyer at the Exchange, and immediately thereafter turned round and nominated Mr. Havemeyer themselves.

Mr. Havemeyer had voted the Republican ticket for years, and for that reason Tammany had nominated him, thinking to bait the Republicans to vote their ticket, but the Republicans had refused to do so, and nominated George Opdyke. Mr. Havemeyer had refused to be nominated unless Mr. Tilden should be nominated for Corporation Counsel with him, and why Mr. Tilden was an old man and an unscrupulous, and unfit to attend to his own business. How would such a man fulfill the duties peculiar to the office of Corporation Counsel? But John Van Buren was in the way, and could allow Mr. Tilden to sit still in his office while he did the business, and see to it that the city paid him for it. As to Mr. Opdyke, he was a comparatively young man, who had made his fortune by running his own business. It was not necessary to tell them that George Opdyke was; all they needed on that head was to read over the reports of the Assembly of last year. As for Mr. Solomon Hull, he was a lawyer of considerable energy and ability, and for a young man was not to be excused by any member of his profession, and he would not be excused by the people.

Mr. Daniel Ullmann was next called upon. When the *farmer* with which he was greeted had subsided he delivered the statements which had been made by the previous speakers. There were times in the history of nations when men must disregard ordinary considerations for the sake of preserving the interests of government and of protecting the dignity of citizenship.

Mr. Andrews again occupied the attention of the audience, and commenced by saying that he wondered what judgment he would be called to pass upon Tammany Hall next Tuesday, when he should have been thoroughly lectured. He entered into a brief and telling description of the dynasty of Tammany Hall, showing how, by the rotation of office, its strength had been perpetuated. People had expressed their astonishment at the *N. Y. Times* going for Tammany Hall. But the reason was simple; that *Times* received \$10,000 a year as rent for the public offices in its building. There was not a respectable paper in the city which did not advocate George Opdyke for Mayor.

Solomon L. Hull was next introduced, and received with unbounded applause. He said he had no doubt whatever about the success of the Union ticket Tuesday. Every man who was interested in the taxation of the city ought to be interested in the result of the election. He had been asked that day what he would say. "Pay," said he, "why, if I am elected, your taxes will be reduced." Men were beginning to look upon politics with a better appreciation than before, and the people would establish this.

The resolutions were again read, and unanimously adopted.

The immense assembly then adjourned, with nine cheers for Opdyke, Hull, and Pinkney.

BLESSING A NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

FERDINAND WOOD IMPROVING THE OCCASION.

A new Roman Catholic Church called "Mary Ascension," in Forty-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, was opened and blessed on Sunday for a German Catholic congregation. It is a small edifice, 51 feet front by 95 feet long. It consists of an aisle and gallery, and is calculated to accommodate about one thousand persons. It supercedes a small church on the corner of Fifth street, which was found altogether inadequate to the rapidly growing Catholic German population in that quarter. Attached to the church is a comfortable chapel-house, and underneath it there are two commodious school-rooms for boys and girls; the entire building having been erected at an expense of \$16,000. It is to be under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Benedict Stroble.

Shortly after 10 o'clock, a procession consisting of the three religious societies of St. Francis Xavier, St. Anthony, and St. Joseph, with banners and wearing the insignia of their respective orders—each accompanied by its own band—entered the Church and took their places, and soon after every seat was occupied, both in the aisle and on the gallery. The only person of note among those in attendance was Mr. Ferdinand Wood. So deep an interest did Ferdinand take in the ceremony, that he came there an hour before the Church doors were thrown open, and took shelter from the cold in a larger hall immediately adjoining the church, and was one of the first to enter after access was granted to the public. But he only remained a few minutes after the ceremony commenced, and was not noticed by more than three or four of the congregation.

Contrary to general expectation, and to the public announcement, Archbishop Hughes, owing to continued illness, was not present, and in his absence the Rev. Father Starns, Vicar-General, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Mr. McNeerney, and the Rev. Mr. Stroble. The Very Rev. Cardinal, in his pontifical robes, and the other two clergymen in surplices, moved from the altar, went outside, and walked round the building, Father Starns sprinkling it with holy water, and his Rev. assistants at the same time chanting the service. Having returned the church and the service having been finished, the Rev. Starns briefly addressed the congregation, congratulating them that in the short space of six months they had begun and completed their edifice. Such an event spoke a great deal for the German population of that neighborhood.

The Rev. Mr. STROBLE next delivered an eloquent discourse in German, which he celebrated with service, at the end of which a collection was taken up.

THE CANDIDATES OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES (CONSULABLES EXCEPTED), TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTE OF THE PEOPLE TOMORROW, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FOR MAYOR.
GEORGE OPDYKE, Republican, American and People's candidate.
WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Tammany Democrat.
FERDINAND WOOD, Mozart Democrat.

FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Solomon L. Hull, Republican and American candidate.
John T. Curtis, Democrat.
Green C. Brown, Mozart, People's, and Whig candidate.

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